

A BRIGHT SUNNY NEW YEAR'S.

A Day to Bring Good Cheer to Every Heart.

For Will Not the Sun's Warm Rays on a Winter's Day Soften the Coldest Soul Within?—The Reception by the Round Table Club.

What a New Year's day! With the sun's bright rays pouring down great waves of comforting warmth who could refuse to be cheerful? The mercury showed the temperature to be in near proximity to summer heat, and any sort of a wrap worn out of doors gave one a stuffy feeling.

Many were out making New Year's calls and exchanging happy greetings, while receiving in open house with the punch bowl as a manifestation of good feeling was indulged in to some extent. Probably a duck, turkey or chicken took the place of the goose at dinner, but geese are scarce, and whatever the substitute it answered well.

Business was suspended save in places of eating and drinking, and the "swearing-off" of yesterday is no doubt forgotten to day. Even the churches remained closed, but it is not certain that it was in deference to "other services." A good many watch parties saw the old year die and drank to the health of the new-born.

Society at New Year's.

The ladies of the Round Table Club held a New Year reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dawson Wednesday afternoon from two till five. The rooms were darkened and in turn brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated with palms, festoons of smilax and autumn leaves. Pink and white carnations, the club flower were everywhere in great profusion. Mr. Ernest Bower at the piano rendered soft music with the Angelus throughout the afternoon. Miss Edna Swarts served punch in the front parlor and Miss Nellie Ratcliffe poured coffee in the dining room. Here was a round table, emblematic of the club name, decorated in pink and green, the club colors. In the center was a large bowl of pink carnations surrounded by pink shaded candles, while ropes of smilax draped the edges, and the bonbons and confections were pink. Delicate refreshments were served and each guest was presented with a carnation and a souvenir in the form of prettily engraved cards with a New Year greeting from the club. A large number of ladies and gentlemen called during the afternoon.

About twenty young couples danced the old year out and the new year in at the opera house.

Miss Louise Floyd entertained at whist Wednesday night. Guests present were: Misses Nellie Scott, Rose and Stella Filer, Grace Barnett, Julia Fowler, Ella Morse, Myra Crosson, Gertrude Doerfer, Mr. and Mrs. Earl White, Messrs. W. A. Young, E. J. Scott, Guy Norris, H. W. Stewart, Richard Auer and Dr. Gulick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Biddison entertained guests at dinner New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Murphy entertained a large number of friends at six o'clock dinner Wednesday.

Mr. John Wier and sister, Mrs. Maggie Sullivan, entertained at whist Thursday evening in honor of Mr. C. F. Smith, who is here from Dahlart, Tex.

The ladies of the Round Table Club entertained in honor of Misses Edna Swarts and Nellie Ratcliffe, their young friends at the Swarts residence, Thursday evening.

The young folks' whist club met with Miss Bessie Waters' Thursday evening.

Union Pacific Lands.
Commencing January 1, 1902, A. L. Lynch, who for a number of years past has been connected with the land department of the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha, will have charge of the selling and leasing of the company's lands in western Kansas. All who desire to purchase or lease these lands will please write or call upon him at Oakley, Kan.

B. A. McALLISTER, General Manager, Omaha, Neb.

Notice.
My patrons past and prospective and the public generally will take notice that during the New Year, as in the past, I shall still continue to retain my position as agent for the Union Pacific lands both in Kansas and Colorado, and am better prepared than ever to sell you lands at low prices and on easy terms.

E. F. MURPHY, Agent.

Advertised Letters.
Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Goodland post-office:

Castel, A. O.	Foland, Curt
Hudinger, Fred	Reed, H. A.
Toby, W. A.	Taylor, Miss Nellie
Kay, L. R.	Rhodes, Miss Lucretia
Ward, Miss Bertha	Waring, J. D.
Walsh, J. D.	

When calling for same parties should say "advertised."

E. J. SCOTT, Postmaster.

Blossom.
Ned—"Is that plain looking girl over there one of this season's bloom?"

Nan—"She was, but she has blossomed into a wall flower."—Brook.

William H. Male land agent for sale or lease.—Thos. P. Leonard, Agent.

CHARGED WITH THE ROBBERY.

One of the Atwood Suspects Held Under \$5,000 Bond—The Other Has a Hearing Thursday.

Two young men giving the names of McGregor and Maloney, from the Black Hills country, were arrested at Atwood last Friday charged with cracking the county treasurer's safe at that place on the night of December 21. At the preliminary hearing Tuesday, McGregor was bound over to the district court, his bond fixed at \$5,000. Maloney has his hearing Thursday. The experts who examined the county treasurer's books report the amount stolen \$1,933.04.

A Denial.

Whereas, a certain rumor has gained currency that Mr. William Walker, Sr., or his son, Jimmy, had stolen and branded one of my cattle and settlement was demanded of me by itself.

In defense of the good name of a neighbor and friend, or his son, I make this statement in denial of this false report and put the slander to rest. The facts are as follows:

Mr. Walker's cattle and my own run on the same range and frequently get mixed; and besides this, I sold Mr. Walker last spring a bunch of cattle some of which resemble those of mine.

While branding cattle about Thanksgiving day, Jimmie Walker, in the absence of his father, by mistake branded one of my calves. When the circumstance was discovered, Mr. Walker offered to pay for the animal. But I knowing that there was no intention on the part of my neighbor to do me any wrong in the matter, said it was all right and so the matter was adjusted.

I will also say that the hair on the animal a spring calf was long and my mark was dim and the mistake was easily made in branding 270 head of cattle. Besides this Mr. Walker offered to turn over the animal to me or pay for the same of his own accord, as I might prefer, and I very willingly accepted the latter proposition without any thought of wrong being intended; and I regret exceedingly that such a false report as has gone abroad should be believed by anyone. The story as told against Mr. Walker's good name is maliciously false.

S. H. VASSAR.

A Card.

As to the slander against myself that is being circulated by some parties and apparently believed by many, I respectfully refer to the statement made by Samuel Vassar, a neighbor of mine, and published in this issue of both The Goodland Republic and the News, denying the report.

I have this further to say, that all parties are hereby given notice of the falsity of the report; and that should settle the matter. Should it come to my knowledge that parties are continuing to circulate this story I will proceed against them for criminal libel.

WILLIAM WALKER, SR.

Bound to Rise.

Into the office of a St. Louis merchant there walked a boy not more than 14 years old, with clothes well worn and a look of timidity upon his face. Approaching the person whom he judged to be in charge, he asked: "Do you want a boss, mister?" "What's that?" almost yelled the man spoken to, and who proved to be the proprietor. "I want to know if you want a boss, sir?" "I fall to understand you. What do you mean?" "Well, sir, I've been looking for a job three weeks now and nobody seems to want a boy, so I thought I'd try and see if somebody didn't want a boss. I'd like mighty well to be a boss." The merchant whistled. "Well, well! That's good! Are you willing to work up to the job of boss?" It took me 25 years to get it." "I'm willing, all right," came the quick response. "Will you give me a chance, sir?" He was taken at his word and to-day that 14-year-old boy can be seen struggling in earnest with packing cases and bundles in the shipping room of the concern. He says he'll be the boss before his beard is gray, and the chances are that he will.—Golden Days.

Ambushed, Poor Fellow.

"When does the next train that stops at Montrose leave here?" asked the resolute widow at the booking office window.

"You'll have to wait five hours, ma'am."

"I don't think so."

"Well, perhaps you know better than I do?"

"Yes, sir! And perhaps you know better than I do whether I am expecting to travel by that train myself, or whether I am inquiring for a relative that's visiting at my house! And maybe you think it's your business to stand behind there and try to instruct people about things they know as well as you do, if not better. And perhaps you'll learn some day to give people civil answers when they ask you civil questions, young man; but by opinion is you won't."

"Yes, ma'am!" gasped the booking clerk.—London Answers.

The Kind.

"Writing love letters requires a great mental effort," said Bunting.

"Yes, sentimental," added Larkin.—Detroit Free Press.

Men's fancy shirts at Millisack's.

FROM OVER THE COUNTY.

Grant Suspects.

A happy new year to all our readers. Henry Gerhart is recovering from a severe spell of sickness.

Miss Mabel Thompson, who is attending the high school at Goodland, has been spending the holidays with her parents.

Jay Shipman spent the holidays with "the old folks at home."

The Christmas entertainment at the Star school house was well attended. Santa Claus came in throwing candy right and left and saying, "Every little boy and girl will get something." It seems as though everybody was little that night, for everyone got something.

Will Hobbs gave the young people a party last Thursday night.

We are glad the other scribe intends to start a literary at Grant Center next Friday night. Everyone should come out and hear what he has to say. There was school at Grant Center last Saturday. Miss Edna Amos visited the school one day last week.

There was a surprise party at the home Theodore Thompson last Saturday night in honor of Nellie Thompson, it being her nineteenth birthday. The other scribe failed to attend. He heard there was to be no cake.

Jon McCall and family spent Christmas with Mr. Rung's people.

Most all the teachers had vacation during the holidays.

Mr. Bush, Mrs. Amos' father, is here on a visit. John Amos and family spent Sunday at Theodore Thompson's home.

There is only one more week of school at New Liberty. What makes you so slow Bill? You are loosing lots of precious time.

Northfield.

Christmas is over and an enjoyable time was reported by all.

The school at Prairie View will close next Friday after four months' of successful school.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have gone to Decatur county on a visit.

A number of friends and relatives enjoyed a Christmas dinner at C. H. James.

C. H. James made a business trip to Colby Saturday.

C. Dewey, who is in the east, is expected home next week.

Miss Eva Baird is at home at present.

Some of the people from this vicinity attended the Christmas tree at Muldrow and a good time was reported.

Rev. Swartwood will preach at Prairie Gem Sunday and will hold a series of meetings assisted by Miss Alice Baird.

Mrs. Johnson and daughters are at home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Eichler were the guests of Mrs. Torrens Saturday.

Ray Shirley, who is teaching school of Goodland, is at home for two weeks' vacation.

Jinks Austin is visiting his parents at Edison this week.

Abe McCall threshed for Mr. Eleber last Saturday.

Albert Williamson and Joe Hayward have gone east to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Butler are making their home at Mr. Butler's.

Mr. Ackerman was seen in this vicinity the fore part of the week.

Allie Gillespie attended Sunday school at Prairie Gem Sunday.

A. H. McCall and family attended Sunday school at Prairie Gem Sunday.

Happy New Year to all.

Mount Pleasant.

Mr. Caldwell's young folks spent Sunday at Mr. Dimmitt's.

Hartley Porter returned to his home in Denver Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Sylvester and children spent Christmas in Denver.

Miss Cora Chatfield spent her vacation in Goodland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Dimmitt of Goodland, spent Sunday with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Dimmitt.

Mrs. Feaster's brother and sister, of Thomas county, and a brother from Indian Territory, are here visiting.

Miss Hilma Daell has returned home after an absence of several months.

The Swede people held their Christmas services at John Nelson's.

Miss May Nelson is sick.

Ralph and Grace Dimmitt were in Grant Friday.

There was a big Christmas dinner at Mrs. Sperry's. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Errington, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Chatfield.

George and Ralph Dimmitt spent Christmas at Mr. Fletcher's.

LaBlanche.

S. Townsend and his son, Witten, have bought the J. C. Denney homestead, consideration \$400.

School will commence next Monday after two weeks' vacation. Miss May Nelson, the teacher, is conducting a very successful term of school.

Jim Moore was at Goodland Tuesday to pay his taxes.

Orvil Wileman, of Goodland, was in this vicinity this week.

The Tittle threshing machine has returned from a tour in the southwest part of the county where the machine has been engaged in threshing cane seed.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ab Waters December 22.

A dance was held at Mrs. Bremer's New Year's eve.

There will be a charivari at June Parker's one night this week.

The farmers interested here in life insurance collections are thinking of obtaining a railroad pass from Webb McCall from Gaylord to Topeka, Kan.

The hall insurance company's office is in Topeka and Mr. McCall will have to make several trips to investigate the status of the cases on the company's books.

Tommyson Didn't Go.

A poetical traveler, stopping at a Georgian inn, dismounted from his horse and called to the landlord, who was lounging on the veranda:

"Winkled 'tether, grim and thin,
Hark is custom come your way;
Take my bridle and lead him in—
Staff his ribs with molky bait."

"If you say that ag'in," said the landlord, "I'll lamen you side the head with this hickory. That's a nigger here to look after the horses!"

"My good man," explained the traveler, "I mean no offense; I was only quoting Tommyson to you!"

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PERSONAL NOTES.

John Mace, of St. Francis, was in the city Tuesday.

Rev. J. T. Shackelford, of Brewster, was in town this week.

A. P. Toss Wilson, a Colby lawyer, was in the city Tuesday.

Ernest Bower has returned from a week's visit in Norton.

The merchants are taking their annual invoice of their stocks.

The post office was closed on New Year's day in the afternoon.

A. Winn, a merchant of Kanorado, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Tom Hamilton, of Norton, is in town and may locate here permanently.

Mrs. William Walker, Sr., is sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl White.

R. A. Ramey, an attorney of Denver, was a business visitor in Goodland Tuesday.

Mrs. A. G. Kaulitz and Miss Gertrude Dummer have returned from a visit in Denver.

S. C. Ives, John J. Knight and F. E. Bowman, of Charlotte, were in town Tuesday.

John Cullis returned Tuesday from Rawlins county where he has been several days.

E. F. Murphy returned Wednesday from a trip east. He has been absent two weeks.

A. V. Jesse, of Burlington, Col., manager of Millisack's store at that place, was here Monday.

Dr. W. H. Farrow returned Wednesday from Pueblo where he has been for about ten days.

Lightning rod swindlers have been at work in Phillips county lately with no small amount of success.

Mrs. M. E. Smith, of Lawiston, Ill., is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cullins, Sr.

H. A. Bowman, of the Goodland Mercantile company, has gone to Kansas City to buy goods for the store.

Miss Nellie Usher, of Mason City, Ia., formerly of this city, is in town for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Estelle Myers, who is teaching school in Colorado, was home this week for a visit with her parents.

County Clerk A. D. Rummel was at Hutchinson last week to attend a meeting of the county clerks' of Kansas.

C. C. Morse, of Kansas City, special agent for postal contracts for carrying the mails, was in Goodland Tuesday.

Ben Jayne left Wednesday night for Topeka. He is sitting as a juror in the federal court now in session in that city.

Moses Ersersoll, of Agra, Kan., was in Goodland Tuesday. He purchased eight quarters of land in Sherman county.

Miss Nellie Dickey, of Boulder, formerly of this city, was in town this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Leonard.

James E. Herron returned to Lincoln, Neb. Monday after a few days' visit with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Herron.

Two Kansas girls, Miss Mary and Miss Marie McFarland, twin sisters, will sing at the coronation of King Edward next summer.

County Treasurer Warner has been very busy during the past month receiving taxes. Payments have been unusually prompt and steady.

Clarence Wayne and wife, of Parachute, Col., were in town this week for a visit with relatives. Mrs. Wayne is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lamb.

Mrs. W. E. Smith, accompanied by her two daughters, wife of Traudis patcher Smith, arrived here Saturday from Omaha. They have moved into the Bressahan residence.

Miss Florence Shackelford, of Brewster, was in town the week the guest of Miss Grace Barnett. Miss Shackelford is attending school at Salina but is home for the holiday vacation.

W. D. Beem threshed out 222 bushels of cane seed last week and has been offered \$1.20 per bushel for it. Sam Vassar threshed 274 bushels and they will sell the seed when they can get \$1.25 per bushel.

C. E. Swarts returned Tuesday morning from Deuver where he accompanied a shipment of cattle and hogs to market. He reports the hog market good, but the cattle market a little dull on account of holiday beef still on hand.

Ralph Tiebener, of Philadelphia, who has been staying in Goodland and on ranches in the county for nearly a year for the benefit of his health, left Monday for Denver where he will spend some time and from there will go to Phoenix, Ariz.

O. P. Liston, wife and daughter, Mable, returned to their home in Beatrice, Neb., Friday night after a brief visit in town. Mr. Liston was formerly station agent for the Rock Island at Goodland but is now with the road at Beatrice.

J. B. Dyatt, of Almena, Kan., arrived in Goodland yesterday. Andrew Malcomb and William Malcomb, both of Almena, came with him to look at lands here with a view of purchase. The younger Malcomb is a farmer, and the elder gentleman is in the hardware business.

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RAILROAD SPIKES.

Engine 810, one of the large freight engines, is here.

Fireman W. P. Roach is visiting at Colorado Springs this week.

Engineer Tom Kelly has returned from a brief visit in Denver.

Robert Zerwekh, a machinist in the shops, was at Colby Saturday night.

Brakeman S. R. Dillinger has quit. He has been employed here over a year.

Brakeman F. L. Curwin and wife have returned from a visit of a few weeks.

Brakeman Billy Briggs, of the Pueblo run, is again running out of Goodland.

Wes Green is a new machinist's apprentice in the shops. He is from Colorado Springs.

Jack Dipple, a machinist in the shops, has returned from a visit in Trenton, Mo.

Engineer W. Swearinger has returned from a visit in Topeka. He was accompanied by his wife.

Engineer Charles Sherman left Saturday for Tecumseh, Neb., to spend a few days with his parents.

"Red" Fickle, of Phillipsburg, is in town this week looking for employment on the Rock Island.

The new boiler is in place in the shops and the smoke stack erected, but has not yet been fired up.

Brakeman H. W. Settlemore has quit and left last week with his wife for their former home in Sedalia, Mo.

General Foreman, W. E. Anderson will move his family to Goodland from Valley Junction, Ia., early in the spring.

C. P. Smith, of Dahlart, Tex., chief dispatcher for the Rock Island at that place, is in town to spend a few days with friends.

Fireman A. G. Kaulitz has returned from the Limon-Denver run where he was assigned in the absence of Fireman Kumm.

Fireman Hanks, of the bridge and building gang, who took the tanks down here, has gone to Roswell to do some work there.

William Powers, of Phillipsburg, is a new boilermaker in the shops here. He was formerly from Horton but was transferred to Phillipsburg and then here.

J. D. Boyle, cashier of the freight house, has decided not to go to Dahlart, Tex., where he intended to accept a similar position with the road, but will continue his present position.

Some boilers and steam pumps are in the shops here for overhaul, and when repaired will be set to work on a coffer dam and buttments on the line west of Limon where several steel bridges will be put in.

A boilermaker of the Horton shops named McLeod was killed in a rear-end collision of freight trains on the Rock Island road at Hoyt, 14 miles from Topeka, early last Saturday morning. McLeod was asleep in the caboose of the first section of the train. He was on his way to McFarland to do some repair work on engines. The engine of the second section splintered the caboose of the first section and lodged on top of it. The caboose soon took fire and was burned. Nothing was seen or heard of McLeod after the time of the collision. A keyring, a melted silver dollar and a few charred bones was all that was found to tell the story.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Wizard.

Millisack's for everything—1902.

See B. F. Brown for insurance.

A piano to rent at Bower & Son's.